

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 20

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets bounded by St. Elmo Road and Viewpoint Drive to the north, Stassney Lane to the east, Williamson Creek to the south, and Pleasant Valley Road to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$9,300 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel; and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by St. Elmo Road and Viewpoint Drive to the north, Stassney Lane to the east, Williamson Creek to the south, and Pleasant Valley Road to the west. The the lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Ainez Drive from Palo Blanco Lane to Escuelita Drive, Button Bend Road from Pleasant Valley Road to the end of Button Bend Road, Escuelita Drive from Nuckols Crossing Road to Ainez Drive, George Street from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of George Street, Palo Blanco Lane from Pleasant Valley Road to Ainez Drive, Peach Grove Road from Viewpoint Drive to Spring Meadow Road, Spring Meadow Road from Nuckols Crossing Road to the end of Spring Meadow Road, Stassney Lane from Pleasant Valley Road to 3,300 feet north of Teri Road, Teri Road from Pleasant Valley Road to Stassney Lane, Village Square Drive from Pleasant Valley Road to Nuckols Crossing Road, and Viewpoint Drive from Nuckols Crossing Road to the end of Viewpoint Drive because these streets are wider than 35 feet or vehicular parking is prohibited on one or both sides of the street. Other exceptions are Nuckols Crossing Road from St. Elmo Road to Pleasant Valley and St. Elmo Road from Todd Lane to Nuckols Crossing Road for which the existing speed limits were established by a prior engineering and traffic investigation. They are not included in the recommended Code changes. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Acorn Cove from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Acorn Cove.
Acorn Grove Court from Lark Creek Drive to the end of Acorn Grove Court.

Agua Caliente Cove from Atascosa Drive to the end of Agua Caliente Cove.
Atascosa Drive from Stassney Lane (East) to Nuckols Crossing Road.
Ann Jene Court from Mellow Hollow Drive to the end of Ann Jene Court.
Apple Orchard Lane from Cottonwood Street to Viewpoint Drive.
Bayside Drive from Button Bend Road to Cedargrove Drive.
Bergfield Drive from Fence Row to Spring Meadow Road.
Beryl Oak Drive from Teri Road to Stassney Lane (East)
Bevin Cove from Lyra Circle to the end of Bevin Cove.
Birch Creek Road from Lark Creek Drive to Stassney Lane (East).
Blackjack Cove from Walnut Grove Drive to the end of Blackjack Cove.
Bogey Court from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Bogey Court.
Brook Creek Cove from Spring Meadow Road to the end of Brook Creek Cove.
Brook Crest Road from Fence Row to Spring Meadow Road.
Cabob Street from Parell Path to Icon Street.
Cape Verde Cove from Atascosa Drive to the end of Cape Verde Cove.
Cedargrove Drive from Copperbend Boulevard to Pleasant Valley Road (South).
China Berry Road from Beryl Oak Drive to Teri Road.
Clementine Lane from Peach Grove Road to the end of Clementine Lane.
Cobbler Cove from Bayside Drive to the end of Cobbler Cove.
Coffee Cup Cove from Rocking Chair Road to the end of Coffee Cup Cove.
Cooing Court from Turnstone Drive to the end of Cooing Court.
Copperbend Boulevard from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Copperbend Boulevard.
Cottonwood Street from Spring Meadow Road to Viewpoint Drive.
Crest Oak Road from Fence Row to Spring Meadow Road.
Cypress Bend from Viewpoint Drive to Spring Meadow Road.
Dove Creek Cove from Lark Creek Drive to the end of Dove Creek Cove.
Federal Circle from Bayside Drive to the end of Federal Circle.
Fence Row from Cypress Bend to the end of Fence Row.
Ferret Path from Palo Blanco Lane to Parell Path.
Franklin Park Drive from Copperbend Boulevard to Pleasant Valley Road (South).
Galen Court from Wassail Street to the end of Galen Court.
Gnarled Oak Cove from Lark Creek Drive to the end of Gnarled Oak Cove.
Good Wood Drive from Teri Road to the end of Good Wood Drive.
Hickory Drive from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Hickory Drive.
Icon Street from Cabob Street to Palo Blanco Lane.
Jimmy Clay Drive from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Jimmy Clay Drive.
Lark Creek Cove from Lark Creek Drive to the end of Lark Creek Cove.
Lark Creek Drive from Teri Road (east intersection) to Teri Road (west intersection).
Lurlyne Court from Cottonwood Street to the end of Lurlyne Court.
Lyra Circle from Peach Grove Road (north intersection) to Peach Grove Road (south intersection).
Mashie Cove from Teri Road to the end of Mashie Cove.
Maufrais Lane from Nuckols Crossing Road to the end of Maufrais Lane.
Meadow Crest from Beryl Oak Drive to Stassney Lane (East).
Mellow Hollow Drive from Apple Orchard Lane to the end of Mellow Hollow Drive.
Mesquite Grove Road from Walnut Grove Drive to George Street.
North Hearsey Drive from Cottonwood Street to South Hearsey Drive.
Nuckols Court from Nuckols Crossing Road to the end of Nuckols Court.
Par Cove from Teri Road to the end of Par Cove.
Parrell Path from Nuckols Crossing Road to Ferret Path.
Peach Grove Court from Spring Meadow Road to the end of Peach Grove Court.
Pewter Lane from Button Bend Road to Cedargrove Drive.
Putters Cove from Copperbend Boulevard to the end of Putters Cove.
Rocking Chair Road from Copperbend Boulevard to the end of Rocking Chair Road.
South Hearsey Drive from North Hearsey Drive to the end of South Hearsey Drive.
Spring Meadow Cove from Spring Meadow Road to the end of Spring Meadow Cove.
Table Top Trail from Rocking Chair Road to Teri Road.
Towser Court from South Hearsey Drive to the end of Towser Court.
Turnstone Drive from Pleasant Valley Road (South) (north intersection) to Pleasant Valley Road (South) (south intersection).
Turnstone Court from Turnstone Drive to the end of Turnstone Court.
Two Iron Street from Teri Road to Stassney Lane (East).

Walnut Grove Drive from Stassney Lane (East) to George Street.

Walnut Grove Court from Walnut Grove Drive to the end of the Walnut Grove Court.

Walnut Hollow Cove from Lark Creek Drive to the end of Walnut Hollow Cove.

Wassail Street from Parrell Path to Palo Blanco Lane.

Woodland Oaks Court from Stassney Lane (East) to the end of Woodland Oaks Court.